

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In order to accelerate prosecution toward allowance of claims which the Examiner indicated are allowable, Applicants have amended the claims in a manner to place them in condition for allowance. More specifically, Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 3-10 and have amended claims 11 and 12. Thus, claims 11-17 are currently pending in the application. Claims 11, 12 and 14 are independent claims.

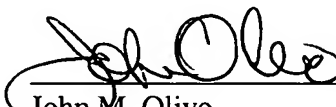
This amendment makes moot the rejections asserted by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a).

Applicants assert that claims 1-10, 18 and 19 should be considered cancelled without prejudice, and, therefore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Applicants submit that all currently pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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